

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 55

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Harry Wampler for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity, and whose efforts to ensure competent and efficient public service have brought immeasurable benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Harry Wampler is one such distinguished public servant who served his constituency and this legislative body with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, appointed by the Loudon County Commission to fill the unexpired term of his predecessor, Harry Wampler dutifully and selflessly represented the people of the 23rd House District; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Loudon County, Representative Wampler is no stranger to public service, having served twenty years as a member of the Lenoir City Council, holding the post of Vice Mayor for sixteen years, and is a twenty-year member of the Lenoir City Utilities Power Board; and

WHEREAS, a highly successful businessman, Harry Wampler is the CEO and Chairman of Family Brands International and a member of the Board of Directors for both Wampler's Farm Sausage and The Lenoir City Company, in addition to serving on the Board of Emeritus for Suntrust Bank and the Board of Trustees for Harrison Chilowee Academy; and

WHEREAS, respected and admired for his business acumen and alacrity, Mr. Wampler served on the Board of Directors of Suntrust Bank from 1970 to 2005, the Board of Trustees Baptist Hospital of East Tennessee, and is a past member and President of the Civitan Club, which named him Civitan of the Year in 1976; and

WHEREAS, a Deacon and longtime member of First Baptist Church where he has taught Sunday School and served as Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. Wampler currently serves faithfully as President of the Board of Trustees and on several church committees; and

WHEREAS, a recognized leader in the Republican Party, Harry Wampler is presently the Chairman of the Republican Party of Loudon County and serves on the Republican Executive Committee representing the 3rd District. From 1964 to 1974 he served as Loudon County Republican Party Chairman and in 2001, was named Republican Statesman of the Year for the 2nd Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, Harry Wampler's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a member of the Representatives, Harry Wampler distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Harry Wampler is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Harry Wampler is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State", and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Harry Wampler for his estimable service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, thank him for his tireless work in service of the good people of House District 23, and commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of this State's citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Representative Wampler our best wishes for much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

